(b) The areas that have been identified in this regard are as follows: (i) Solar Energy Applications; (ii) Gene Banks for Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (iii) Business and Investment Forum; (iv) South Investment, Trade and Technology Data Exchange Centre (SITTDEC); (v) Financial Mechanism to promote South-South Trade; (vi) Food Production; (vii) Population and Family Planning.

(c) Further areas in which concrete programme of South-South cooperation can be extended are kept under review and discussion. Specific proposals with regard to the following areas are being pursued in this connection—(a) Design, Execution and management of Petroleum, Gas, Petrochemical Projects; (b) Establishment of Sough-South Renewable Energy Promotion Centre (proposals mooted by Egypt); (c) Collaboration on the utilization and development of Non-Metallic Mineral Raw Materials (Nigeria); (d) Exchange of Informatioin on National Economic Policies of Member Countries (ENIEP) (Malaysia); (e) Vocational Training Centre; and (f) Computer Training Centre (India).

Prospects of British Investment in India

1029. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the British Prime Minister's recent visit to India has brightened the prospects of British investment in India;

(b) if so, to what extent;

(c) whether some of the potential British investors accompanying the Prime Minister have expressed apprehensions due to the situation created by Ayodhya incidents and its aftermath; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) and (b) The British Prime Minister and the high-level business delegation accompanying him during his recent visit to India expressed appreciation over India's economic reform programme and felt that the visit would help in promoting trade and investment flows between the two countries. The visit also led to an Indo-British Partnership Initiative wherein businessmen from the two sides are to set up a core group to promote trade, investment and technology flows and would report on their efforts to the Prime Ministers of the two countries at the end of this year.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Extending the Membership of Security Council

1030. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India sought that Security Council (UNO) should be more broad-based so that Council's voice would be heard with greater attention; and

(b) if so, what concrete steps Government have taken so far in this regard and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) and (b) The issue of restructuring the UN including the question of expansion of the Security Council is under discussion in the UN. India has been emphasising the need to expand the Security Council, with equitable representation for member countries, at all appropriate multilateral and bilateral fora, in an effort to build a consensus on this issue. At the 47th Session of UNGA in 1992, India and others table a Resolution on "Question of Equitable Representation and increase in the membership of the Security Council" which was adopted by consensus. The Resolution requests the Secretary General to invite member States to submit, not later than 30 June, 1993, written Comments on a possible review of the membership of the Security Council. The

Resolution further requests the Secretary General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth Session, for its consideration, a report containing comments made by member States on the subject.

Follow UP of Earth Summit

1031. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Commission on Sustainable Development has been set up as a follow-up of last Earth Summit;

(b) if so, what are its terms and reference; and

(c) what is India's programme of action?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) In pursuance of paragrapoh 38.11 of Agenda 21, and UNGA, resolution 47/ 191, a high level Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) was established as a functional commission of the Economic and Social Council (ECOCOS), in accordance with Article 68 of the Charter of the United Nations, The CSD will monitor progress and effective follow up of decisions taken at the Rio Conference, enhance international co-operation on environment and development issue and examine the implementation of Agenda 21 at national, regional and international level.

(c) The national Conservation Strategy and Policy Statement on Environment and Development has been enunciated in June, 1992 Agenda 21 has been included in the programme of action of concerned Ministeries of the Govt, of India.

Investment by C.P. Group of Thailand in Marine processed foods

1032. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the proposal of C.P. Group of Thailand which obtained permission to invest in production and marketing of processed marine and shrimp produce;

(b) whether any Indian parther is involved in this venture;

(c) what are the areas where this foreign company would operate its fishing vessels; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) The information is furnished as statement (see below)

(b) The project with 100% foreign investment involves no India partner.

(c) There is no proposal to operate fishing vessels under the project.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

The salient features of the shrimp culture project of C.P. Group approved recently are as follows:

1. To set up an integrated project for the export of shrimping-from production to processing to export- by setting up 15 demonstration farms, 5 feed mills and 5 processing plants in 5 selected States in a period of 5 years.
2. To set up shrimp feed manufacutring unit, the output of which would be marketed among the shrimp farmers within the country.
3. To develop a marketing system for purchasing back the harvested shrimp from local farmers.
4. To develop cold storage facilities for shrimp thus procured.
5. Cleaning, processing and